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FOR SHLAUDEMAN FROM AMBASSADOR BRITTON

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ATRV
SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL TRAVEL

REF STATE 184183

1. PARA (9) OF REFTEL REFERRED TO A SUBJECT WHICH HAS
TROUBLED ME, AND PRIOR TO RECEIVING YOURS, HAD RESOLVED
TO CABLE YOU TODAY FOR CLARIFICATION.

2. MY POST COVERS TEN LARGELY AUTONOMOUS ISLAND
GOVERNMENTS -- BARBADOS, GRENADA, THE FIVE SELF-
GOVERNING STATES, AND THE THREE SELF-GOVERNING COLONIES
(INCLUDING ANGUILLA, STILL LEGALLY PART OF THE STATE OF
ST. CHRISTOPHER-NEVIS-ANGUILLA). VISITS TO GRENADA AND
THE STATES, BOTH SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED, NORMALLY RUN
FROM A FEW HOURS, TO A FEW DAYS. COMMUNICATION IS RAPID
AND EFFICIENT, INCLUDING USAF AND USN CLASSIFIED CHANNELS
AT ANTIGUA. COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT, WITH PRIVATE BACK-UP,
ARE AVAILABLE.

2. SINCE ARRIVAL FEBRUARY 11, 1975, I HAVE ROUTINELY TRAVELED
INTER-ISLAND ON POST WITHOUT TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITIES,
FORMALLY ADVISING DEPARTMENT, OR SEEKING PERMISSION. (USUALLY,
THE DEPARTMENTAL DESK IS AWARE, INFORMALLY, OF SUCH TRAVEL).
IN REVIEWING 2 FAM 164.4-3, I CONCLUDED THAT STANDING PERMISSION
FOR INTRA-POST TRAVEL SHOULD BE SECURED, WITH INFO ADVISORY
TO DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO TRAVEL, WHERE TIME PERMITS, OR THEREAFTER,
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IF UNSCHEDULED. TRAVEL OFF-POST, DUE TO STOP-OVERS ENROUTE,

NOT EXCEEDING 24 HOURS, WOULD BE SIMILARLY TREATED. FOR EXAMPLE, TO REACH DOMINICA FROM ANTIGUA OR ST. LUCIA, ALL ON-POST, IT IS NECESSARY TO STOP AT GUADALOUPE SOUTHBOUD, OR MARTINIQUE, NORTHBOUND, BOTH OFF-POST.

3. ALL OF THIS AFFECTS A PLANNED OFFICIAL VISIT TO ANTIGUA, ON JULY 31, WITH LIAT AIR PASSING THROUGH BOTH FRENCH ISLANDS, RETURNING NEXT WEEK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE ON UNDERSTANDING AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2.
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